

The Evolution of Snyder Brothers

The fence along the old pike road I'll never forget, for memory clings about the streaky ads. that told where one could buy all earthly things.

Along old Skinner's pasture land A piece of fence this message bore:



But time passed on. The little town where Snyder Brothers had their place became a city, and the firm of Snyder Brothers grew apace.

Along old Skinner's pasture land The march of progress showed like this:



A month ago I wandered back along the old pike road, and lo, the trolley cars buzzed swiftly past. 'Twas not the place I used to know.



Charles R. Barnes in Judge.

Answered.

'Big Tim' Sullivan of Tammany fame tells of an Irishman who shortly after his entrance into the business life of the east side as a contractor began to dispose of his superfluous wealth by the purchase of diamonds, of which he became a heavy buyer.

'Vulgar, eh?' indignantly repeated the contractor. 'I don't know about that, but one thing I've noticed, me friend, and that is—them that has 'em wears 'em!'

Things One Ought Not to Let Slip.



Brown (whose pictures are nothing if they are not deadly serious)—No, I don't make my living by painting, but it provides me with a great deal of amusement.

Fair Critic—Oh, you are too modest, Mr. Brown. I'm sure your friends also get a great deal of amusement out of them.—Tatler.

She Knew.

'Katharine,' said Bob as he brought his club down to the depot platform, 'these are all my friends.'

'Glad to meet you, gentlemen,' replied the bride sweetly, 'and I am so sorry that you are going to be sick.'

'Sick?' echoed the crowd in astonishment. 'Why should you think we are going to be sick?'

'Oh, because soon after the honeymoon a married man always finds a great many sick friends to sit up with.'—Detroit Tribune.

An Ill Omen.

'Suppose I am superstitious? What of it?'

'Oh, I wouldn't be superstitious for the world!'

'You wouldn't, eh?'

'No, because whenever you begin to get superstitious it's a sure sign you're going to have bad luck.'—Puck-Me-Up.

One on the Packer.

The following notice was recently to be seen outside a church door in a Surrey village: 'Rev. E. T.—will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday next. The choir will render an anthem of joy and thanksgiving, specially composed for the occasion.'—New York Tribune.

His Little Joke.

'Hello! Back again, eh?' said the inveterate gambler. 'You haven't been well lately, I hear.'

'No,' replied the croupier as he gave the roulette wheel a twirl, 'but I'm having a turn for the better just now.'—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Place For Them.

'Every once in a while,' said Bride-man, 'I notice my wife cutting wedding notices out of the paper. I wonder what she does with them?'

'Probably,' remarked Henneck, 'she pastes them in a "scrap" book.'—Philadelphia Ledger.

Too Strenuous.

Green—I'll never patronize that fashionable dentist again. He has a double pull.

Brown—Why, how is that? Green—After pulling my tooth he proceeded to pull my leg.—Columbus Dispatch.

Our Dealings With South America.

In order to supply the delegates and others from the United States attending the pan-American congress with information as to commercial conditions affecting this country and the South American states the department of commerce and labor issued recently a monograph presenting the latest available statistics on this subject.

The work includes statistics of the imports and exports of each American country by principal articles and the countries from which the imports are drawn and those to which exports are sent.

The general fact that the United States supplies 24 per cent of the imports of the American countries lying south of her borders and takes 35 per cent of their exports suggests a fairly satisfactory trade relation between this country and her Spanish-American neighbors.

An analysis of the figures, country by country, however, shows some sharp contrasts in the share which the various countries take of their imports from the United States and the share of their exports which they send to this country.

In those countries whose ports or consuming centers have shorter transportation routes to this country than to Europe the share of their imports drawn from the United States is larger than from any other country. In those countries from which the steamship route to the United States is not materially shorter than to European countries the share of the imports supplied by the United States is small, even though the share which she takes of their exports is large.

The causes of this sharp contrast in the share of the imports drawn from the United States by the two groups of countries are suggested by a study of the map and the routes followed by the steamships upon which the South and Central American countries are entirely dependent for their transportation of imports and exports.

The fact that Brazil sends direct to the United States over 800,000,000 pounds of coffee and 35,000,000 pounds of india rubber annually, that Argentina sends 40,000,000 pounds of wool and 29,000,000 pounds of hides, that Chile sends 60,000,000 pounds of nitrates and that Brazil, Argentina and the countries of the west coast of South America send in addition to this over \$17,000,000 worth of miscellaneous merchandise suggests that the vessels bringing this large quantity of merchandise should offer ample facilities for direct shipments from the United States to those countries on the return trip.

This result, however, is not realized since a large proportion of the vessels bringing this merchandise from these South American countries to the United States take cargoes from this country to Europe, where, after discharging those cargoes, they reload with European merchandise for South America, thus by these triangular voyages materially reducing the opportunity for direct shipments from the United States to South America.

The official stenographers of the Fifteenth congress are doubtless unanimously of the opinion that they earned their money during the seven months sitting which closed June 29.

Looks tough, that word "alienist," but it simply stands for the scientist who sticks a pin into you to see if you'll jump.

Yes, Rudyard Kipling wrote the first "Jungle" book, but it remained for Upton Sinclair to really stir up the wild animals.

A Hint to Dramatists.

Discussing the making of plays, a writer in the Atlantic Monthly thinks that playwrights as a rule overlook the power and pathos of what he calls "the vacant room or the vacant stage."

A deserted room and deserted stage are what the writer has in mind, as shown by his citing for example a finale in the play of "Shore Acres," which he redraws as follows: After Nat Berry—played by Mr. Herne, the author—had scratched a bit of frost off the window pane to peer out into the night, locked the door and banked the fire he climbed with slow, aged footsteps up the stairs to bed.

The cry of playgoers for action has led to an abhorrence by dramatists of many things that contribute to the vitality and illusion of a stage scene. In this particular case voices that are hushed are still eloquent, and actions that have had their brief strut and are dead linger with the spectator until the emotions evoked by their spell have yielded to the demands of reality.

At Jamestown in 1907.

It was to be expected that the Jamestown exposition item in the congressional budget would get through at the last session because of the nature of it. The managers of the so called Jamestown exposition have shown no disposition to beg from the national treasury and have asked no national donations, loans or guarantees.

The funds of the government will be used to build wharfs, hospitals and barracks for the nation's guests, and much of the material used will be recovered by the government. Of course the pagantry which the act of congress assures will be pretty much "the whole show" at Jamestown, but the natural conditions are of a kind to attract crowds who would not go elsewhere to see the same features.

"Tinned chicken" the New York Tribune calls the packers' product. Now, the editor of the Tribune is at present American ambassador to England, and the connection of these two facts may be illustrated by the English way of "dishing" up an American joke in this line. Says an American, "We eat what we can, and what we can't we can."

And now bobs up the irrepressible scientist, one Professor Tyler this time, and declares that "much of our best philosophy has been taken from the clam." This would seem to take all the value out of the old time advice, "Don't be a clam."

Princess Ena's "stepping off" with King Alfonso left only four of the late Queen Victoria's twenty-one living granddaughters unmarried, a warning to eligible young men to speak quick or find themselves everlastingly too late.

Count Boni de Castellane has completed his probationary qualifications for full membership in the "Down and Out club," having been first bounced by his wife and then by the French chamber of deputies.

After all, San Francisco isn't cursed with all the evils of American life and some to boot. The citizens know not the autocratic ice man in summer or frozen water pipes in winter.

The civil service commission is looking for a competent man to count the government's money. Now, if it were only a job to spend his money the search needn't last long.

As the cables were careful to announce that "Princess Alice dined with the kaiser," the question arises as to whether Nick got in at the second table, or where was he?

John D. Rockefeller has bought a collection of fossils, but Ida M. Tarbell has just helped to buy a magazine in which she proposes to keep on considering live issues.

"The White Man's Burden" in Egypt.

For a long time it has been hinted that the Moslem world is getting ready to launch out in another holy war. Recently the danger was admitted in the British parliament, even to warning opposition members not to stir up trouble by siding with the discontented elements in Egypt.

Recently executions of Egyptian rebels by the English authority have led to reprisal in the shape of attacks upon British officers. It is admitted that the discontent is not confined to Egypt, but has spread over all northern Africa.

Speeches emphatically condemning the Russian government were sprung in the douma at the very beginning. Considering what would have happened to the speakers if they had talked that way openly a few months ago, it must be admitted that Russia has made some progress in political freedom, after all.

Pittsburg is beginning to resent the slurs of New York on its morals and money. It does not feel wholly responsible when a Pittsburg man spends a large part of his time in New York, acquires the New York habit and acts it out.

Irish blood is up in the matter of throwing the statue of King George III. out of the municipal buildings in Dublin. The excuse given that it is a work of bad art is probably diplomatic "blarney," the real reason being ingrained hatred of what King George stood for.

The Group of Toll proves by far the most formidable division in the douma. It's a rather proud designation, especially in view of the fact that it represents the working peasants, who out-number all the other inhabitants of Russia nearly ten to one.

Professor Crooks' declaration that an income exceeding \$5,000,000 a year is "swollen beyond proper limits" is not going to antagonize a very large vote. Even ambitious Americans will generally consent to be tied down to that limit.

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